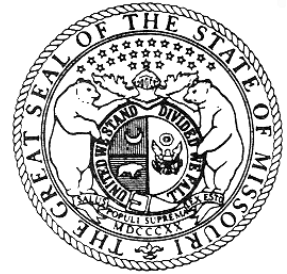


PRESS RELEASE

STATE SENATOR DAN CLEMENS – 20TH DISTRICT



Room 418, State Capitol
Jefferson City, Mo 65101
Phone: 573-751-4008 Fax: 573-751-4096
Email: dan_clemens@senate.state.mo.us



Missouri Senate

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 13, 2004

Sen. Clemens Helps Major Job Initiative to Pass In State Senate; Measure Creates Enterprise Zones for Economic Development

JEFFERSON CITY - Sen. Dan Clemens, R-Marshfield, today helped pass a measure, that would provide job training and create various enterprise zones for economic development.

“This bill would move Missouri’s economy in the right direction,” Clemens said. “Things are improving, and these are necessary tools to ensure continued success in improving Missouri’s economy.”

SB 1155 would create enterprise zones in Douglas County, Webster County, and the area between Ozark and Nixa. It would also allow designations within Springfield’s enterprise zone to be continued for 25 years from the time the time of the designation rather than from the time the zone was created, as required in current law.

“Improving economic opportunities in our area is my most important responsibility as a senator,” Clemens said. “These enterprise zones will be vital in helping to replace job loss in recent plant closings in my district.”

Also included in the bill is a provision that would enable community colleges to provide job training, skills assessments, and training facilities among other services and may subcontract with other public and private colleges and governmental agencies. The measure would also allow community colleges to enter into project agreements, with the approval of the Department of Economic Development, with employers who have retained jobs in a stable industry.

“Community colleges like Ozark Technical College are important in training and developing potential employees,” Clemens said. “These provisions are necessary to strengthen the link between private enterprise and our educational facilities.”

-- END --